

Colorado Academic Library Consortium
Minutes of the March 12, 2004, Meeting

1. Introductions

2. CALC Planning Document - Beth Avery

Beth read the goals listed in the document and asked if these were still our goals. The group agreed and Tom Connole and Carol Dickerson agreed to review the original document and bring recommendations to the next CALC meeting.

Various goals were discussed. Beth and David Gleim talked about CAL and the CALC relationship to it. If CALC wishes to be an official affiliate, a letter needs to be sent to the CAL president, Paul Paladino, requesting associate membership. Jim Williams moved and Warren Taylor seconded that such a letter go to CAL. The membership approved the motion.

3. Storage Needs - Jim Williams

Jim indicated that they were beginning to discuss the building of another bay to PASCAL. Colorado College is interested in participating and would like to store print runs of JSTOR titles. PASCAL is a one copy facility. Those using PASCAL do not have to be Prospector members but all items store at PASCAL are listed in Prospector.

4. Budget Cut Survey - Leslie Manning

The group discussed the Budget Cut Survey conducted and reported by Library Research Services of the State Library. The LRS surveyed public and academic libraries about budget cuts for FY 03 and FY 04. Leslie agreed to ask Keith Lance (LRS):

- Can we identify those academic libraries that didn't respond so that we might collect the information?
- Can we do more evaluation on just the academic numbers? Such as per capita cuts per student?
- Can we do a fast facts directed at Administrators regarding the cuts?

The discussion expanded into the need for more statistics and analysis. The statistics committee was asked to define statistics to be collected. Jo Ann Kruglet has done a survey of CCLINK that she'll forward to people. (Note: Tom Connole and Carol Dickerson met with Keith Lance in June to discuss statistical reports that LRS may be able to provide. We discussed a survey in fall 2005 (ALS will be fall 2004) and some kind of outcomes survey. A followup meeting is planned in late June. Keith Lance or someone from his staff may attend the August meeting.)

5. Colorado Library Card and the budget crisis

Given comments in earlier discussions, the group expanded its discussion to the CLC. A number of directors indicated that they were considering dropping CLC. DU is an associate CLC member and does not lend directly to CLC members. The Front Range Public Library Directors just completed a study about the cost of CLC. Academic libraries may wish to use the methodology prior to changing the participation. Rebecca

Atkinson expressed concern about academic libraries not participating in CLC. She sees the academic library as a recruitment tool for colleges.

There was also discussion of charging for ILL. Several libraries indicated that they were reaching the point where they could no longer afford to provide ILL without charging.

DOES THE GROUP NEED ACADEMIC LIBRARY AGREEMENTS FOR RECIPROCAL BORROWING AND INTERLIBRARY LOAN?

6. Regional Library Systems - Brenda Bailey-Hainer

Brenda indicated that there is currently a request in the FY 05 budget for \$600K to fund a single state wide system that would run the courier, provide continuing education, and provide for virtual library, SWIFT and minimal consulting. The system would be the Colorado Library Consortium (CLIC). If there is no new funding, the State Library is committed to keeping the courier, swift and virtual library going. The regional systems will be voting on dissolving each of their systems. LSTA, which is increasing in FY 05, will be used to support the courier and databases.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting of CALC will be held August 9 at Colorado Mountain College , Roaring Fork Campus. There will be a report from the nominating/elections committee before that meeting.